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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3281
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VINDHYACHAL SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION .
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main streamline of stage-II of unit 7 in Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Station in Madhya Pradesh had developed leakage;

(b) whether generation of power grid came to a standstill from September 20, 1999 to March, 2000;

(c) if so, the losses incurred due to shut down of the said station; (d whether the work on this streamline was got done by the BHEL and it was started without conducting any high pressure test;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken against the guilty officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)
(a): Yes, Sir. The main steamline of unit 7 of Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Station (STPS) Stage-II in Madhya Pradesh hac developed a leakage on 20th September 1999.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. The unit was under stabilization and was being made ready for coal firing. It was not declared commercial and was not in regular operation. The scheduled commissioning of the unit was February 2000. After necessary repairs of the main steam pipeline, the unit 7 was resynchronized on 1st March 2000.
There was no financial loss due to shut down of the said unit as this was under trial and stabilization.

(d) : The work on the steamline was done by the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).It is, however, not correct that the unit was started without conducting any high-pressure test. Infact, all statutory tests including hydrostatic pressure tests were conducted and certified by the Inspector of Boilers, Madhya Pradesh before steam charging.

(e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.

(f): A thorough analysis of the fault was carried out and remedial action of process modification was taken by the BHEL in consultation with their collaborator. This does not call for action against any officials. Both the units are now in commercial operation.